

REMARKS

Claim Rejections

Claims 1, 2, 6, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0097353) in view of Huang et al. (U.S. Application Publication No. 2004/0160546) and Yarita et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,411,353). Claims 4-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee in view of Huang et al. and Yarita et al., and further in view of Levanon (U.S. Patent No. 6,855,441).

Claims 3, 7, and 9-10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 11-16 are allowed.

Drawings

It is noted that the Examiner has accepted the drawings as originally filed with this Application.

New Claims

By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 2 and 3, amended claims 1 and 5, and added new claims 17-22 to this application. It is believed that the new and amended claims specifically set forth each element of Applicant's invention in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Claims 11-16 are allowed.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 3, 7, and 9-10 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Applicant's amended claim 1 comprises a combination of original claims 1, 2 and 3, thus redrafting claim 3 in independent form. Original claims 4 and 6-10 and amended claim 5 all depend from amended claim 1. Applicant's new claim 17 comprises a combination of original claims 1 and 9, thus redrafting claim 9 in independent form. New claims 18-22, which are commensurate in scope with original claims 4, 5, 7, 8, and 10, respectively, all depend from new claim 17. In the absence of any art cited against Applicant's

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original claim 3 or 9, it is not believed that any detailed discussion of the cited prior art references is necessary. Suffice to say that all of the claims remaining in this patent application contain subject matter against which no prior art citations have been made.

Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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